(c) No, Sir.

(d) SSA is being implemented in all districts of Himachal Pradesh.

Infrastructure in academic staff colleges

3378. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 50 academic staff colleges launched by UGC under the Education Policy in 1986 at various universities in the country have adequate infrastructure and facilities like full-time Director, permanent faculty, full-fledged building, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Academic Staff College of Delhi University (known as CPDHE) has a full-time Director as is provided in the provisions of CPDHE;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps the University of Delhi is taking to fill up the post of Director on full-time basis?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), 57 Academic Staff Colleges (ASC) are functioning at various universities. The UGC has sanctioned posts to each ASC, as per norms. Theposts sanctioned are temporary and the tenure of these posts is extended from one Five Year Plan to another. Non availability of suitable accommodation for the participants and resource persons is a problem in ASCs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Prof. K.N. Tripathi of the University of Delhi is officiating as Director-of the Academic Staff College of Delhi University since 25.4.2007. The post has been advertised on several occasions and the Selection Committee after interviewing candidates on 24.3.2005 has recommended

readvertisement. The University proposes to restructure the Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE) and the Institute of Life Long Learning, with a full time Director.

Literacy Under Adult Education

†3379. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have turned literates so far under adult education;

(b) the criterion of imparting adult education and the details of levels at which it is being run;

(c) the amount allocated under adult education during the last five years;

(d) whether the amount allocated is being properly utilized;

(e) whether there is any monitoring committee for the same, State-wise; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, 124.27 million persons are reported to have been made literate since the launching of the National Literacy Mission (NLM)in 1988.

(b) The main criterion under NLM for adult education is to impart functional literacy to non-literates in the 15-35 age group. The programmes of adult education include Total Literacy Campaigns, Post Literacy Programme and Continuing Education Programme. Under Total Literacy Campaigns, literacy is imparted through three specially designed primers over a period of 200 hours. In order to declare a person literate, specific competencies have been prescribed for reading, writing and numeracy. A person has to score 50% in each of these competencies and 70% in aggregate to be declared literate.

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